Chapter 3 Learning Journey



English This half term, children will be reading Fox by Margaret Wild. They will explore the text and learn some impressive new vocabulary, working towards creating their own fable narratives. The children will recap grammar focuses from last half term (adjectives, similes, personification, rhetorical questions and speech punctuation) as well as looking at some new and exciting skills to make their writing fantastic. They will then learn all about information texts before writing their own information text about foxes.

<u>Mathematics</u> The children will begin by looking at addition and subtraction. This will include calculating and problem solving with 3-digit numbers both mentally and using a column method. The end of this term is spent looking at measure, length and perimeter. Children will be looking at measuring the perimeter of 2D shapes using the correct unit of measure and some simple equivalents (e.g. 5m = 500cm).

Spanish: Me present This half term, Year 3 pupils will revise numbers 1-20, in and out of order. They will revise how to ask and say their name (first person) and the names of others (third person). They will explore popular Spanish names and will say which names they like and dislike. Pupils will extend their knowledge of colours and apply this knowledge to describe zoo animals. They will have an opportunity to listen to and reenact the story Mi Mamá. Pupils will practice the 'i' and 'll' phonemes and will also take part in Spanish Christmas activities. An excellent website these home practice topics www.languagenut.com or ABC Español is an excellent free app.

Religious Education: Hindu Stories This half term, we will continue to focus on Hinduism, mainly looking at stories including Vishnu and his avatars. We will also look at the meaning and role of the Vedas and the importance of sacred knowledge in Hinduism through a number of stories too. We will also look at Vishnu's symbols, before moving on to considering the origins of Hinduism in the Indus Valley.

<u>Science: Rocks</u> In this half term, we will be comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks, looking particularly at their appearance and physical properties. We will also be describing how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within a rock. Finally, we will be looking at soils and will be

thinking about the different types of organic matter that make up certain types of soils.

<u>Computing: Databases</u> Pupils will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one. They will use yes/no questions to gain an understanding of what attributes are and how to use them to sort groups of objects. Pupils will create physical and on-screen branching databases. To conclude the unit, they will create an identification tool using a branching database, which they will test by using it. They will also consider real-world applications for branching databases.

<u>Physical Education</u> This half term, the children will be participating in indoor athletics. They will be learning and practising the different events and developing their agility, speed and explosive abilities. They will also have the opportunity to participate in tag rugby, football, hockey, netball, cross country and dance.

<u>Music: Tinsel and Christmas Magic</u> <u>Christmas around</u> the world: Chapter 3 will study the musical traditions from the Caribbean. They will explore Calypsos and perform a wintertime celebratory Calypso with singing and steel pan accompaniment.

Humanities In Geography, children will be learning about mountains. They will identify what a mountain is and explore various mountain ranges around the world. They will consider what it would be like to live in the mountains, looking closely at the Andes. Finally, back to the UK, they look at local mountain regions, such as Snowdonia. In History, the topic is 'Cradles of Civilization'. They will learn about Mesopotamia, one of the earliest civilizations and compare this will other civilizations in Asia at the time. Children will read one of the oldest stories in the world, the Gilgamesh, full of monsters, heroes, gods and goddesses, adventures and drama. Finally, they will explore art of ancient civilizations, looking at sculptures and masks.

<u>DT:Bunting</u> We will build on the sewing skills we developed in Year 2 to design, make and evaluate our own bunting. We will look at different techniques such as cutting, embroidery, sewing on buttons and tiedye.

<u>LC+</u> Chapter 3 pupils will work collaboratively to create a spectacular performance to be shared at The Christingle Concert. Pupils will use singing, movement and acting (along with their teamwork and perseverance) to rehearse and perform as an amazing cast.

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